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Sir:

Further to the final Office action mailed April 16, 2004 and the Notice of Appeal and Petition for 3-month extension submitted October 18, 2004, please amend the above-identified application as indicated below. This Amendment is accompanied by a Request for Continued Examination and a Petition for 3-month extension of time (thereby extending the date for response from December 18, 2004 to March 18, 2005).

Amendments to the application begin on page 2.

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